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23. (New) A DNase solution according to claim 18, wherein said sugar is present in an amount from 50 mg/ml to 200 mg/ml.

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24. (New) A DNase solution according to claim 18, wherein said sugar is α -lactose monohydrate, mannitol, trehalose or sucrose.

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25. (New) A DNase solution according to claim 18 that is further spray-dried to a respirable DNase-containing powder that is therapeutically effective when administered into the lung of an individual.--

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer and have add new claims 9-25. Claims 9-25 do not include new matter. A version with markings to show changes made and a clean copy of pending claims are attached.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for immediate allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner pass this application to issue, and an early notice of such is requested.

No fees are believed due. However, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, including any extension fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-60010-1/RFT/DLR).

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